

REMARKS

Formal examination of this application is respectfully requested.

I. Summary of the Claim Amendments

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 56 and 115 have been amended, and claims 57-114 and 116-173 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer thereof. Claim 56 has been amended to recite a Markush group of the amino acid sequences originally recited in claims 56-114, and claim 115 has been amended to recite a Markush group of the polynucleotide sequences originally recited in claims 115-173.

As the foregoing amendments do not introduce new matter, entry thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

The present application is in condition for formal examination. Favorable consideration of the application and early allowance are courteously requested.

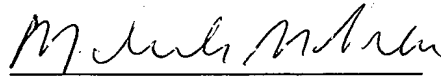
The examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

If Applicants have not accounted for any fees required by this Amendment, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If Applicants have not accounted for a required extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, that extension is requested and the corresponding fee should be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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